

CHANNEL ONE NEWS SHOW SCRIPT 4/22/08

TOPICS COVERED:

- Glaciers: Part 1
- Economy & Veterans
- News of the Day

JESSICA: IT'S TUESDAY, APRIL 22ND. HAPPY EARTH DAY EVERYONE. I'M JESSICA KUMARI FROM THE ANDES MOUNTAINS IN BOLIVIA AND TODAY I'LL BRING YOU A SPECIAL REPORT ON HOW CLIMATE CHANGE IS AFFECTING THE GLACIERS HERE. CHANNEL ONE NEWS STARTS RIGHT NOW.

JESSICA: THE GLACIERS SURROUNDING THE CITY OF LA PAZ, BOLIVIA ARE NOT JUST BEAUTIFUL, THEY'RE ALSO AN IMPORTANT RESOURCE FOR THE CITY.

JESSICA: BOLIVIA, FULL OF COLOR, CULTURE AND LANDSCAPES THAT WILL TAKE YOUR BREATH AWAY

JESSICA: SPANISH SPEAKING AND LANDLOCKED, THIS SOUTH AMERICAN COUNTRY IS BORDERED BY PERU, CHILE AND BRAZIL.

JESSICA: I CAME TO THE VERTICAL CITY OF LA PAZ, HIGH UP IN THE ANDES MOUNTAINS TO EXPLORE WHY SOME PEOPLE SAY WHAT WE DO IN THE UNITED STATES IS HURTING ONE OF THIS CITY'S MOST PRECIOUS RESOURCES.

JESSICA: THE GLACIERS SURROUNDING THE CITY OF LA PAZ ARE THE WATER SOURCE FOR MANY OF THE FAMILIES WHO LIVE IN HOMES LIKE THIS.

JESSICA: THEY HAVE NO RUNNING WATER IN THEIR HOMES SO INSTEAD THEY RELY ON WATER WHICH COMES FROM THE GLACIERS ALL THE WAY DOWN THE MOUNTAIN TO A PLACE LIKE THIS WHERE THE FAMILIES COME TO DO TASKS LIKE WASHING THEIR CLOTHES.

JESSICA: AND IT'S HERE WHERE I MET CELIA CRUZ

JESSICA: TWICE A DAY WOMEN LIKE CELIA CRUZ COME HERE TO GET THE WATER THEY DRINK, BUT WHEN YOU LOOK AT IT, IT'S BASICALLY JUST A HOLE IN THE GROUND.

JESSICA: BUT THIS IS THE DRINKING WATER CELIA CARRIES TO HER HOME.

JESSICA: EVEN FROM THIS SIMPLE HOME BELOW THE MOUNTAINS PEOPLE KNOW SOMETHING IS CHANGING.

(SOT:) "Before there was more snow and now there's less. At some point there's not going to be water. What are we going to drink?"

JESSICA: FROM CELIA'S MUD HUT TO A HOME IN ONE OF LA PAZ'S WEALTHY NEIGHBORHOOD WHERE I MET JESSICA SALAMANCA. WHAT CONNECTS THE TWO IS THEIR WATER SOURCE. AND WHAT SEPARATES THEM, JESSICA 'S WATER JUST LIKE YOURS AND MINE, IS TREATED AND FROM THE TAP.

JESSICA: AND EVERYONE HERE HAS ACCESS TO CLEAN WATER RIGHT?

(SOT: Jessica Salamanca) "Yes definitely it's actually very cheap in relation to the amount of money the people make for a living, water is nothing, it's really cheap."

JESSICA: WHEN I ASKED JESSICA IF SHE KNEW WHERE HER WATER COMES FROM.

(SOT:) "I didn't even know what a glacier was or what it meant until maybe five years ago. But growing up you know about it but as an area you could go ski but never as an issue in relation to water shortage."

JESSICA: THE AREA JESSICA'S TALKING ABOUT IS THE CHACALTAYA SKI RESORT LOCATED ON THE CHACALTAYA GLACIER.

JESSICA: HIKING TO WHAT WAS ONCE THE HIGHEST SKI RESORT IN THE WORLD AT 17 THOUSAND FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL WHERE THE RICH AND FAMOUS USED TO VACATION.

JESSICA: NOW IT'S EASY TO SEE WHY THE SKI LODGE HAS BEEN CLOSED SINCE 1998. SO CHACALTAYA IS NO LONGER A GLACIER?

(SOT:) "It's not a glacier. It's just fresh snow."

JESSICA: BY DEFINITION GLACIERS ARE SUPPOSED TO HAVE ICE AND SNOW ALL YEAR ROUND. WELL IT'S SUMMER HERE AT CHACALTAYA, A GLACIER JUST OUTSIDE THE CITY OF LA PAZ AND AS YOU CAN SEE THERE'S BARELY ANY ICE, SOME SNOW AND A WHOLE LOT OF BROWN ROCK.

JESSICA: THIS SLIVER OF ICE IS ALL THAT'S LEFT OF A GLACIER THAT USED TO COVER THIS ENTIRE VALLEY. IT'S DEBATABLE AS TO WHETHER OR NOT THIS MOUNTAIN SHOULD STILL BE CALLED A GLACIER.

JESSICA: BUT WHAT IS FOR SURE, IS WATER FROM CHACALTAYA NO LONGER FLOWS DOWN THE MOUNTAIN LIKE IT USED TO. SEVERAL OTHER SURROUNDING GLACIERS PROVIDE NOT ONLY DRINKING WATER, BUT ANOTHER IMPORTANT RESOURCE, ELECTRICITY.

JESSICA: THROUGH HYDROELECTRIC PLANTS LIKE THIS ONE TO PEOPLE LIKE JESSICA AND CELIA.

JESSICA: BUT AS I WAS ABOUT TO LEARN AFTER A TWO-HOUR HIKE UP ONE THEM, THESE GLACIERS ARE ALSO SHRINKING.

JESSICA: SO HOW COULD THE UNITED STATES ALMOST FOUR THOUSAND MILES AWAY BE IMPACTING THE GLACIERS HERE? AND JUST HOW WILL THAT AFFECT PEOPLE I MET LIKE CELIA AND JESSICA? FIND OUT AS I DID TOMORROW IN PART TWO OF MY JOURNEY THROUGH BOLIVIA.

ANNOUNCER: DISCOVER DISAPPEARING GLACIERS FROM AROUND THE WORLD. LOOK FOR MELTING AWAY AT CHANNEL ONE DOT COM.

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JESSICA: WELCOME BACK. I'M IN BOLIVIA FOR EARTH DAY. BUT LET'S THROW IT BACK TO NEW YORK, WHERE CHRIS BROWNE HAS YOUR TOP STORY FOR TODAY.

CHRIS: THANKS JESS. THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR REPORTED LAST WEEK THAT THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, THAT'S THE PERCENTAGE OF AMERICANS WITHOUT JOBS, HAS JUST HIT A FOUR-YEAR HIGH.

CHRIS: IT'S MAKING THINGS ESPECIALLY TOUGH FOR MILITARY VETERANS. MANY OF WHOM ARE JUST RETURNING FROM THE FRONT LINES IN IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN. NOW, A LOOK AT THE CHALLENGES FACING AMERICAN TROOPS WHO ARE TRYING TO FIND JOBS IN THE CIVILIAN WORLD.

CHRIS: 19-YEAR-OLD NATIONAL GUARDSMAN CESARIO LOPEZ BACK LESS THAN A MONTH FROM BAGHDAD IS NOW HUNTING FOR WORK AT HOME IN CALIFORNIA.

(SOT: Cesario Lopez) "I have to worry about finding a job and you know paying rent and bills and groceries and gas. I think it's more stressful here."

CHRIS: THAT STRESS IS BEING FELT AROUND THE COUNTRY, AS UNEMPLOYMENT CONTINUES TO RISE AND A SLOW GROWING ECONOMY MAKES IT TOUGHER FOR ANYONE TRYING TO FIND A JOB.

CHRIS: ACCORDING TO THE BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS, 11 PERCENT OF VETERANS, AGES 20 TO 24, ARE OUT OF WORK COMPARED TO JUST EIGHT PERCENT OF CIVILIANS THEIR AGE. AND, HALF OF THEM WHO HAD JOBS MADE LESS THAN 25 THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR.

CHRIS: POST-MILITARY JOB FAIRS LIKE THIS ONE ARE MAKING IT EASIER FOR VETS TO FIND WORK. VETS LIKE SERGEANT JEFF MORRISON WHO, AFTER 8 YEARS IN THE MARINE CORPS, IS NOW TRYING TO SWITCH GEARS.

(SOT: Sgt. Jeff Morrison) "I don't want to have to live with either mine or my wife's parents or not have a roof over our head at all."

CHRIS: BUT WHEN IT COMES TO A CAREER AFTER BEING IN THE MILITARY, SOME VETERANS FEEL THEIR OPTIONS ARE LIMITED.

CHRIS: JOBS IN THINGS LIKE FITNESS, SECURITY OR LAW ENFORCEMENT THAT DON'T PAY A LOT. BUT THEY SAY, THEY HAVE SKILLS BEYOND THE STANDARD QUALIFICATIONS.

(SOT: Michael Moylan) "Usually the candidates from the military bring with them a strong sense of leadership and maturity. Looking to connect those qualities with employers, companies like "Recruit Military" which hosted this career fair in Anaheim, California."

(SOT: Jasen Williams) "I think corporate America is taking some serious strides to reach that veteran market."

CHRIS: GUARDSMAN LOPEZ, MEANWHILE, DREAMS OF ONE DAY BECOMING A FILM PRODUCER, BUT IF HIS SEARCH DOESN'T PAY OFF SOON, HE FEARS HE MAY HAVE TO RESORT TO HIS BACK-UP PLAN, ANOTHER TOUR IN IRAQ.

CHRIS: CHRIS BROWNE, CHANNEL ONE NEWS

COMMERCIAL

JESSICA: TODAY WE'RE GOING TO DO IT A LITTLE DIFFERENTLY. I'M GOING TO GIVE YOU SOME CLUES AND YOU HAVE TO GUESS WHERE I AM.

JESSICA: I'M IN SOUTH AMERICA ON THE BORDER BETWEEN BOLIVIA AND PERU. YOU CAN SEE THE ANDES MOUNTAINS IN THE DISTANCE. AND I'M ON THE HIGHEST NAVIGABLE LAKE BY BOAT IN THE WORLD.

JESSICA: SO FOR YOUR POP QUIZ QUESTION, WHAT IS THE NAME OF THE LAKE BEHIND ME? IS IT LAKE

- A. VICTORIA
- B. TITICACA
- C. TIAHUANACO
- OR D. LAGO ARGENTINO

JESSICA: YOU'VE GOT TEN!

JESSICA: TIMES UP! IF YOU GUESSED B - TITICACA YOU'RE RIGHT!

JESSICA: LAKE TITICACA IS ABOUT 12,500 FT ABOVE SEA LEVEL, IT IS ALSO THE SECOND LARGEST LAKE IN SOUTH AMERICA, THE BIGGEST BEING LAKE MARACAIBO IN VENEZUELA.

JESSICA: SO, WHAT'S WITH THE NAME? WELL, THE ORIGIN IS NOT EXACTLY KNOWN, BUT SOME SAY IN ENGLISH IT MEANS "ROCK OF THE PUMA" BECAUSE IT APPEARS TO LOOK LIKE A PUMA CHASING A RABBIT. ANOTHER COOL FACT, LAKE TITICACA HAS SEVERAL MAN-MADE FLOATING ISLANDS, MADE FROM DRIED REEDS CALLED TOTORA.

JESSICA: FROM INTERNATIONAL HOTSPOTS TO THE HEADLINES AT HOME, HERE'S A LOOK AT THE OTHER STORIES MAKING NEWS TODAY.

CHRIS: FORMER PRESIDENT JIMMY CARTER IS WRAPPING UP A CONTROVERSIAL SERIES OF MEETINGS WITH THE MILITANT PALESTINIAN GROUP HAMAS. HE SAYS HAMAS IS READY TO ACCEPT ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO QUOTE, "LIVE AS A NEIGHBOR NEXT DOOR IN PEACE".

CHRIS: THAT WOULD MEAN HAMAS ACCEPTS ISRAEL'S RIGHT TO EXIST ALONGSIDE A PALESTINIAN STATE. BUT HAMAS'S LEADER LATER ADDED THAT HIS GROUP WOULD STILL REFUSE TO GIVE DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION TO ISRAEL.

CHRIS: HAMAS IS USUALLY EXCLUDED FROM FORMAL PEACE TALKS BETWEEN ISRAELIS AND PALESTINIANS. EVEN THOUGH THE GROUP CONTROLS THE GAZA STRIP, THE NARROW PIECE OF LAND BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA.

CHRIS: BOTH THE U.S. AND ISRAEL CONSIDER HAMAS TO BE A TERRORIST ORGANIZATION AND BOTH COUNTRIES CRITICIZED CARTER FOR THE MEETINGS. BUT CARTER SAYS IT'S IMPORTANT TO INCLUDE HAMAS IN PEACE TALKS.

(SOT:) "We believe that the problem is not that I met with Hamas and Syria, the problem is that Israel and the United States refuse to meet with these people who must be involved."

ANNOUNCER: WHAT WILL BE THE BIGGEST ISSUE ON YOUNG VOTERS' MINDS WHEN THEY HEAD TO THE POLLS IN NOVEMBER?

ANNOUNCER: WELL, ACCORDING TO A NEW CBS NEWS/MTV POLL, THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY IS THE TOP CONCERN OF YOUNG VOTERS. THAT'S A CHANGE FROM LAST YEAR. IN A SIMILAR POLL CONDUCTED IN JUNE, THE WAR IN IRAQ TOPPED THE LIST.

ANNOUNCER: 75 PERCENT OF THE YOUNG PEOPLE SURVEYED SAID THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY IS BAD. AND JUST A THIRD SAID THEY FEEL THEIR JOB PROSPECTS ARE EXCELLENT OR GOOD.

CHRIS: DRINKING FROM THESE REUSABLE PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES IS GOOD FOR THE ENVIRONMENT, BUT THERE'S A DEBATE RAGING ABOUT WHETHER SOME OF THEM COULD BE HARMFUL.

CHRIS: ACCORDING TO A NEW GOVERNMENT REPORT, A CHEMICAL FOUND IN SOME HARD PLASTIC WATER AND BABY BOTTLES MAY BE HARMFUL TO INFANTS AND CHILDREN.

CHRIS: THE CHEMICAL IS CALLED BISPHENOL-A, OR BPA, AND IT MAY CAUSE NEURAL PROBLEMS AND EARLY PUBERTY.

CHRIS: THE GOVERNMENT REVIEW FOUND THAT THE RISK TO ADULTS IS NEGLIGIBLE AND PLASTICS MANUFACTURERS SAY THERE'S NO DIRECT EVIDENCE THAT BPA IS HARMFUL TO HUMANS AT LOW LEVELS. AND NOTE THAT A FDA REPORT SUPPORTS THAT VIEW.

CHRIS: STILL, BOTTLES CONTAINING BPA ARE BEING TAKEN OFF SOME SHELVES. ON FRIDAY, CANADA ANNOUNCED A BAN ON BABY BOTTLES THAT CONTAIN BPA.

CHRIS: WAL-MART PLANS TO STOP SELLING THEM BY EARLY NEXT YEAR AND THE COMPANY THAT MAKES NALGENE SAYS IT'S GOING TO STOP MAKING BOTTLES THAT CONTAIN BPA.

JESSICA: THANKS FOR WATCHING CHANNEL ONE NEWS EVERYONE. I'M JESSICA KUMARI REPORTING FROM BOLIVIA. I HOPE YOU HAVE A GREAT DAY.